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MEETING SUMMARY

October 27, 2015

Introductions

Jim opened the meeting at 7 p.m. and those in attendance introduced themselves.

Westfield Business Connection – Betsy Rabold

Jim introduced Betsy Rabold from My Father's Garden. Betsy discussed herself and her business. Started her business in March 2014. Started a downtown merchants group. They have an open Facebook page for people to support the businesses. Businesses cross-promote each other, meet monthly. Betsy discussed the Savor Westfield event that featured Westfield food venues. Downtown businesses will be open more during special days during November and December so that the public can come downtown and mill around. Betsy passed out brochures that contain coupons, a map and advertising for downtown businesses. Betsy says there is a lot more comradery between downtown businesses, and there is traffic from Grand Park. There has been an increase in foot traffic. Downtown is going to be a very fun place to be.

Current in Westfield – Anna Skinner

Anna Skinner, managing editor for Current in Westfield, discussed her new role. Wants to let the community know that if they have any good story ideas they should let her know. Wants to produce a paper that people want to read. Wants to find places in Westfield where people can go and pick up copies if not delivered to their home. Can go online and read the same content as that which goes in the print edition.

Builders Association of Greater Indianapolis – Steve Lains and Kate Collins

Kate presented information on the Builder's Association of Greater Indianapolis (BAGI). A handout was given to those in attendance of the slides presented. Marion and the surrounding doughnut counties are represented by the information given. Hamilton County has the largest market share of new home construction at 38%.

Special Census – Erin Shockley

Erin Shockley gave an update on the Special Census that Westfield is doing. Discussed the process that census enumerators will go through. Still hiring. Can communicate with neighbors on where the workers are going next so neighborhoods will know. The interviews will be happening over the next few weeks and then workers will start going door-to-door.

Wrap-Up

Next month's meeting: Will occur on Nov. 17 at Grand Junction Brewing Co. (110 S Union Street) and will feature short presentations from the service clubs in the community.